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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, FOR THREE MONTHS JAN.-MARCH, 1939.

Births - increase 274; Deaths - increase 230; Marriages - decrease 62;
 Infant Deaths - increase 12.

POPULATION OF STATE. 31st December 1938, Total 595,109;
 Males 297,549; Females 297,560. Metropolitan Area 31st December 1938,
 Total 321,412 or 54.0% of State.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the
 three months was 1,097 (1,053), an increase of 44.

BIRTHS. For the Quarter 2,519 (2,245) were registered, an
 increase of 274. EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS. 61 (58). LEGITIMATIONS 9 (2).
 ADOPTIONS 41 (21). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS. Twins 23 (26), Triplets
 - (-).

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the quarter num-
 bered 1,237 (1,299), a decrease of 62. Civil Marriages were 102 (120),
 decrease 18, marriages by Ministers decreasing by 44.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the quarter numbered
 1,422 (1,192) being an increase of 230. This is largely accounted
 for by the January and February heat waves, 74 deaths being attributed
 solely to Excessive Heat, while Heat was shown as a contributory cause
 in many other cases.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 174 (181),
 Diseases of Heart 273 (222), Cerebral Haemorrhage and Softening 131 (111)
 Accidents (including Excessive Heat) 150 (78), Senility 76 (49), Pul-
 monary Tuberculosis 40 (41), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c.
 51 (52), Nephritis, Acute and Chronic 71 (59), Diarrhoea and Enteritis
 16 (17), Pneumonia 58 (52), Puerperal Causes 13 (15), Suicides 15 (16),
 Diphtheria 6 (4).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &c. For the three months 150 (78)
 deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. the chief being - Drowning 17
 (11), Automobiles 21 (19), Railways and Tramways 2 (7), Other Transport
 1 (6), Injury from Falls 12 (19), Excessive Heat 74 (-).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 82 (70) deaths were
 recorded for the quarter being an increase of 12. The principal causes
 were - Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia 7 (4), Diarrhoea and Enteritis
 9 (10), Malformations 8 (7), Congenital Debility &c. 3 (3), Premature
 Birth 25 (26), Injury at birth 7 (8), Other Diseases of early infancy
 7 (4), Excessive Heat 9 (-), and all other causes 7 (8), total 82 (70).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Number of cases
 notified during the three months are as follows:- Diphtheria 154 (113),
 Erysipelas 22 (25), Measles 32 (19), Poliomyelitis Anterior Acuta
 1 (218), Puerperal Fever 21 (9), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 84 (75),
 Scarlet Fever 155 (59) and Whooping Cough 6 (166).

Details Tables are attached Nos. 1 to 7.

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